

ANNEX 1

GENERAL ISSUES CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF PAYMENT FORECASTS

Payment forecasts relate to **requests for payments sent to the Commission and not to payments made by the national authorities to the final beneficiaries**. This means that Member States must take account not only of their own national forecasts of payments to be made to final beneficiaries under the programmes, but also of the date on which the Member State intends to request payment from the Commission, which inevitably involves a further delay.

In this connection it must also be remembered that:

- Forecasts should reflect the amount reimbursable in the given year, rather than cumulative amounts since the beginning of the programming period.
- The currency of the forecasts is euro.
- Any requests for payment to be submitted after 31 October 2010 should be included in the forecasts for payments for the following year²; similarly for the requests for payment to be submitted after 31 October 2011.
- Any Commission payment against payment requests sent in the last two months of 2009 but received by the Member State in 2010 should be included in your 2010 forecast.
- Under the current regulations, forecasts of payments do not “reserve” appropriations for a particular programme or country.

² Nevertheless, the Commission tries to pay requests received after 31 October as soon as possible, subject to availability of appropriations

ANNEX 2

PAYMENT FORECASTS 2007-13

Payment forecasts for the ERDF, ESF and Cohesion Fund programmes

In accordance with the provisions of Article 76(3) of Council Regulation 1083/2006, and Article 40 of Commission Regulation 1828/2006, national authorities are invited to send before 30 April 2010 forecasts of requests for payment to the Commission for the current year (2010) and the following year (2011), by programme and by Fund.

In the case of multi-Fund or multi-objective operational programmes, the forecasts shall be also provided by Fund and by objective. Only provisional forecasts of likely payment applications in respect of the Community contribution, and not total expenditure forecast, should be stated in the table.

Annex 2.1 contains the model table to use, in line with Annex XVII of Commission Regulation 1828/2006. The information should be sent according to the procedures foreseen in section 7 of that Commission Regulation. If Member States send hard copies in the cases foreseen in Article 42 of the Commission Regulation, an electronic copy should preferably be sent to a separate mailbox budg-pf@ec.europa.eu, which the Commission has installed for this purpose. For any questions concerning the use of SFC2007 please contact sfc2007-info@ec.europa.eu.

European Fisheries Fund

In accordance with the provisions of Article 75(3) of Council Regulation 1198/2006, national authorities are similarly invited to send before 30 April 2010 forecasts of requests for payment to the Commission for the current year (2010) and the following year (2011).

Annex 2.2 contains the model table to use, in line with Annex XIII of Commission Regulation 498/2007. The information should be sent through the computer system for data exchange foreseen in chapter IX of Commission Regulation 498/2007. If Member States send hard copies in the cases foreseen in Article 67(3) of the Commission Regulation, an electronic copy should preferably be sent to a separate mailbox budg-pf@ec.europa.eu, which the Commission has installed specifically for this purpose. For any questions concerning the use of SFC2007 please contact sfc2007-info@ec.europa.eu.

Annex 2.1

Payment forecasts for the Structural Funds

	Community co-financing (EUR)	
	2010	2011
Operational Programme 1 (CCI number)		
ERDF		
ESF		
Cohesion Fund		
Operational Programme 2		
etc		
Grand Total		

For multi-objective programmes, the forecasts shall also be indicated by objective. For those programmes, the table above is modified as follows.

	Community co-financing (EUR)	
	2010	2011
Operational Programme 1 (CCI number)		
Convergence Objective		
ERDF		
ESF		
Cohesion Fund		
Regional Competitiveness and Employment Objective		
ERDF		
ESF		
etc		
Grand Total		

Annex 2.2

Payment forecasts for the European Fisheries Fund

Provisional forecasts of likely payment applications, for the current and subsequent financial year:

(in EUR)

	Community co-financing ³	
	2010	2011
OP (CCI number)		
Total		
Convergence objective regions		
Non-convergence objective regions		

³ Only provisional forecasts of likely applications for payment in respect of the Community contribution, and not total expenditure forecast, shall be stated in the table.